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To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsoring Organizations

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Subject: Department of Economic Security Market Rate Survey

Later this spring, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) will be conducting the ninth Child Care Market Rate Survey. The survey is required by federal regulations and has been conducted and published every other year since 1990. Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) alternately approved homes have participated in every survey through information provided by their respective sponsors.

The year 2006 survey will be similar to past surveys. All identifiable child care providers (centers, group homes and small family child care homes) in Arizona will be contacted by telephone and asked a series of questions about the child care services they provide. Questions will cover areas such as the cost of care, days and hours of operation, number of children in care, etc. The average telephone survey takes approximately ten minutes. Information provided by individual child care providers is confidential and will only be made public in the aggregate.

As in past years, DES will be asking all CACFP sponsors to provide a listing of current alternately approved homes. **The listing will need to include the provider's name, address and telephone number (*accurate telephone numbers are critical*).** The DES Child Care Administration will be contacting CACFP Sponsors in March or April to obtain these listings. Prior to then it is hoped that sponsors will make sure that the provider information on file is up-to-date and accurate, particularly telephone numbers as this is the key component in contacting the alternately approved homes.

Child care providers throughout the state will be informed about the survey through the Child Care Resource & Referral newsletters. Additionally we hope that CACFP sponsors will inform and encourage child care providers to participate in the survey. The survey is important to children and parents as well as individual child care providers. Data from the survey is invaluable in providing an accurate picture of our Arizona's child care delivery system. CACFP sponsors and the alternately approved child care providers are vital in ensuring an accurate and thorough survey.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact your assigned specialist.

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